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For: AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF IMAGE )  
INFORMATION BETWEEN IMAGING )  
DEVICE AND HOST SYSTEM )  
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a Continuation of: )  
Application No. 09/003,732 )  
Filing Date: January 7, 1998 )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified Rule 53(b) Continuation Application, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment.

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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 3, please insert the following:

-- This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/003,732 entitled "AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF IMAGE INFORMATION BETWEEN IMAGING DEVICE AND HOST SYSTEM", filed on January 7, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

## IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice. Please add the following new claims 15-18.

1        15. (New) A method for transferring image information between an imaging device  
2 and a host system, said method comprising:

3                the host system detecting a coupling of the imaging device to the host system;  
4                in response to detecting the coupling, said host system automatically requesting image  
5                information transfer from the imaging device; and  
6                in response to the request, said image information is transferred from the imaging  
7                device to the host system.

1        16. (New) The method as set forth in claim 15, wherein the host system detects the  
2                coupling of the image device if the imaging device is connected to a port of the host system.

1        17. (New) A system to receive image information from an imaging device  
2                comprising:

3                a processor;  
4                an input port; and  
5                a detection circuit, said detection circuit detecting the coupling of the imaging device to  
6                the input port, and wherein said processor automatically requesting the image information to be  
7                transferred from the imaging device in response to detecting the coupling of the image device to  
8                the input port by the detection circuit.

1           18. (New) A computer readable medium comprising instructions, which when  
2   executed by a processing system to perform an operation of transferring image information  
3   between a host system and an imaging device, the operation comprising:  
4           the host system detecting a coupling of the imaging device to the host system;  
5           in response to detecting the coupling, said host system automatically requesting image  
6   information from the imaging device; and  
7           in response to the request, said image information is received from the imaging device  
8 . to the host system.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 15-18 have been added.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been introduced by new claims 15-18.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Mike Kim at (408) 947-8200 x212.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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